

**Amendments to the Claims:**

A clean version of all the pending claims after entry of the present Amendment is set forth in Appendix 1.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.121, please substitute for claim 1 and 2 the following rewritten versions of the same claims, as amended.

1. (amended) A method for promoting collagen production in a fibroblast of a subject comprising topically administering to said subject a collagen production promoter composition in an amount effective to promote collagen production in a fibroblast, wherein said composition comprises, as active components, (i) 0.0001 to 30.0% by weight, based upon the total weight of the composition, of an extract obtained by extracting a shoot of *Fagus crenata* with at least one solvent, wherein the solvent is selected from the group consisting of water, ethanol, methanol, propanol, butanol, 1,3-butylene glycol and any mixtures thereof, and (ii) [vitamin C] a compound selected from the group consisting of L-ascorbic acid, L-ascorbate dipalmitate esters, L-ascorbate monopalmitate esters, sodium L-ascorbate-2-sulfate, L-ascorbate phosphate esters, L-ascorbate stearate esters, L-ascorbate-2-glycoside or dipotassium DL- $\alpha$ -tocopherol-L-ascorbate phosphate diester or mixtures thereof in an amount effective for synergistic promotion of collagen production.

2. (amended) A method as claimed in claim [in] 1, wherein the extract from a shoot of a *Fagus crenata* is contained in a range of 0.0001 to 10.0% by weight based upon total weight of the composition.

Please add new claims 3 and 4.

3. (new) A method as claimed in claim 1, wherein the compound is L-ascorbate-2-glycoside.

4. (new) A method for promoting collagen production in a fibroblast of a subject comprising topically administering to said subject a collagen production promoter composition in an amount effective to promote collagen production in a fibroblast, wherein said composition comprises, as active components, (i) 0.0001 to 30.0% by weight, based upon the total weight of the composition, of an extract obtained by extracting a shoot of *Fagus crenata* with at least one solvent, wherein the solvent is selected from the group consisting of water, ethanol, methanol, propanol, butanol, 1,3-butylene glycol and any mixtures thereof, and (ii) vitamin C or derivative thereof in an amount effective for synergistic promotion of collagen production.